Council. On the other hand I am fighting for greater responsibilities and privileges for this Council. At any time I am prepared to hear any point of order raised in this Council and to the best of my ability give a ruling.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Sir, I wish to bring to your notice one more point. The Rule states that when a member stands up on a point of order, the other member should sit down. The President's decision is, I submit, contrary to the rule.

**President.**—No hard and fast rule can be laid down. I shall see hereafter that no room for misunderstanding is given. I shall deal with each situation as it arises.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Sir, the Rule again provides for the adjournment of business at any time without interrupting a speech.

**President.**—Yes. It is a right which you have got under the Rules.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Thank you, Sir.

## President's Statement.

**President.**—I have a very simple suggestion to make. I am one who is very jealous of maintaining the privileges of this Council. In the Imperial Legislative Assembly and other Legislative bodies, for the general discussion of the budget, a new system has been arrived at. The Hon'ble Members on the Non-official side divide themselves into a number of groups, one group for General Administration, another for Education and a third for Public Works and so on. If this method is adopted, each particular group can concentrate their attention to the points at issue involved in that particular subject. One member of the group may lead the discussion, a second member supplements it and a third member replies to it and closes the discussion. The whole House will then have a very clear and comprehensive idea of what the views of the Hon'ble Members are in regard to the respective branches of administration. I don't press this upon you.

As I said, I have no axe of my own to grind. I only want this House to prosper. The President and members of this House may come and go, but Cochin and Cochin people will remain for ever. (*Hear, hear*). We must all do our humble mite towards helping Cochin in her progress. I have only given a suggestion for your consideration, you may take it for what it is worth.

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I must say once more that I am interested only in your welfare. I have personally nothing to gain. I have no interest other than your interests and I want the business of this session to be conducted as smoothly as possible. I ask you once more to show me some sympathy. I know I have the sympathy of my old friends here, but I request the younger generation also to extend to me the same sympathy. My days in this Council are numbered, and I wish to see that our business is got on very well, so that we may gain a reputation in the eyes of the outside world. We are proud of Cochin's position and prestige. As one of Cochin's oldest officers and one who has served this State for about four decades, and who has done to the best of his humble ability whatever good he could do for Cochin, I once more pray God to instil a spirit of reconciliation, sympathy and responsibility in the conduct of the business of this Council, and for all that is for the good of Cochin.

*The House rose for the day at 1-50 p. m.*

C. J. MATHEW,

Secretary to the Council.

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